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To allow for news bureau exchanges between the United States and Cuba.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SERRANO introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on International Relations

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## A BILL

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States and Cuba.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. ESTABLISHMENT OF NEWS BUREAUS IN CUBA**

4                       **AND THE UNITED STATES.**

5               (a) INTERNATIONAL EMERGENCY ECONOMIC POW-  
6       ERS ACT.—Section 203(b) of the International Emergency  
7       Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1702(b)) is amended—

8                       (1) in paragraphs (2) and (3) by striking “or”  
9       after the semicolon;

10                      (2) in paragraph (4) by striking the period at  
11       the end and inserting “; or”; and

1           (3) by adding at the end thereof the following:

2           “(5) financial or other transactions related to  
3       the establishment of news bureaus by United States  
4       news organizations in foreign countries, or the estab-  
5       lishment of news bureaus in the United States by  
6       foreign news organizations.”.

7       (b) **TRADING WITH THE ENEMY ACT.**—Section 5(b)  
8   of the Trading With the Enemy Act (50 U.S.C. App. 5(b))  
9   is amended by adding at the end the following:

10       “(5) The authority granted to the President in this  
11   subsection does not include the authority to regulate or  
12   prohibit, directly or indirectly, financial or other trans-  
13   actions related to the establishment of news bureaus by  
14   United States news organizations in foreign countries, or  
15   the establishment of news bureaus in the United States  
16   by foreign news organizations.”.

17   **SEC. 2. FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1961.**

18       Section 620(a) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961  
19   (22 U.S.C. 2370(a)) is amended by adding at the end  
20   thereof the following:

1       “(3) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), the authority  
2 granted to the President in such paragraph does not in-  
3 clude the authority to regulate or prohibit, directly or indi-  
4 rectly, any activities or transactions which may not be reg-  
5 ulated or prohibited under section 5(b)(5) of the Trading  
6 With the Enemy Act.”.

7       **SEC. 3. INAPPLICABILITY OF OTHER RESTRICTIONS.**

8       (a) NEWS BUREAUS.—Section 114 of the Cuban Lib-  
9 erty and Democratic Solidarity (LIBERTAD) Act of 1996  
10 (22 U.S.C. 6044), and the item relating to that section  
11 in the table of contents for that Act, are repealed.

12       (b) EMBARGO.—The amendments made by this Act  
13 apply notwithstanding section 102(h) of the Cuban Lib-  
14 erty and Democratic Solidarity (LIBERTAD) Act of  
15 1996.

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